

Thursday, October 23, 2003

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Washington, DC 20554

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San Francisco, CA 94109

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Dear Michael Copps:

In writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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I should point out that I'm not out on the limb where intellectual property is concerned. I don't believe that all information should be free. I produced software for a living, so copyright is my lifeblood. However, I believe that the pendulum has already swung too far in favor of the copyright holders and left the consumers with too little in terms of fair use rights. Please don't allow this to go any further.

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Daniel Thompson
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Dear Commissioner Copps:

Both as a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, and, as an analyst serving the interactive TV and telecommunications industries, I urge the FCC to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag."

There's no dispute that content-owners and copyright holders should have the right to assert their ownership rights, and to be recognized and compensated for the use of their content.

Clearly, piracy is illegal, and I would condone the use of technology-based tools that can assist with the identification of content so that acts of piracy can be identified at the time of the theft, or forensically.

However, I strongly disagree with the steady push to erode Fair Use. If a consumer acquires content through legitimate channels and uses it within the acknowledged scope of fair use, no technology (whether it be broadcast flag, DRM, conditional access, or any other technology yet to be invented) should interfere with the right to Fair Use.

Also, the FCC should not be in the business of mandating the use of a specific technology. As technologies (and work-arounds) evolve, different approaches will come to the fore, which will render past technology solutions (and mandates) ineffective.

Please consider these factors during your decision making process as the FCC rules on the Broadcast Flag issue. Thank you.

Sincerely, Steven Hawley

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October 23, 2003

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